

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for the treatment of a shredded cheese comprising the step of contacting the shredded cheese with an aqueous composition, wherein ~~whereby~~ the aqueous composition comprises a polyene antifungal compound and a thickening agent.
2. (currently amended) ~~A method according to~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the polyene antifungal compound comprises ~~comprises~~ [[is]] natamycin.
3. (currently amended) ~~A method according to~~ The method of claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, ~~wherein~~ further comprising adding a dry powder composition comprising an anticaking agent ~~is added~~ to the shredded cheese.
4. (currently amended) ~~A method according to~~ The method of claim 3, wherein the dry powder composition is added before the aqueous composition.
5. (currently amended) ~~A method according to~~ The method of claim 3 ~~[[or 4]]~~, wherein the anticaking agent comprises ~~comprises~~ [[is]] cellulose or starch or modified starch.
6. (currently amended) ~~A method according to any one~~ The method of claim 1 ~~[[to 5]]~~, wherein the thickening agent comprises a ~~comprises~~ [[is]] xanthan.
7. (currently amended) A processed Shredded cheese, wherein the cheese comprises a coating comprising ~~coated with~~ a polyene antifungal compound and a thickening agent.
8. (currently amended) ~~Shredded~~ The processed cheese ~~according to~~ of claim 7, wherein the thickening agent comprises a ~~comprises~~ [[is]] xanthan.

9. (currently amended) ~~A method for preventing Use of a thickening agent to prevent nozzle clogging during the treatment of a food, a feed or [[and]] agricultural products with an aqueous composition, comprising the step of contacting the food, feed or agricultural product with an aqueous composition comprising a polyene antifungal compound and a thickening agent.~~

10. (currently amended) ~~Use according to The method of claim 9, wherein the food, feed or agricultural product comprises a cheese during the treatment of shredded cheese.~~

11. (new) The processed cheese of claim 7, wherein the cheese comprises a shredded cheese.

12. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the cheese comprises a shredded cheese.

13. (new) The method of claim 5, wherein the cellulose comprises a microcrystalline cellulose.

14. (new) A method for the treatment of a food, a feed or an agricultural product comprising the step of contacting the food, feed or agricultural product with an aqueous composition, wherein the aqueous composition comprises a polyene antifungal compound and a thickening agent.

15. (new) A processed food, feed or agricultural product made by a method comprising the step of contacting the food, feed or agricultural product with an aqueous composition, wherein the aqueous composition comprises a polyene antifungal compound and a thickening agent.

16. (new) The processed food, feed or agricultural product of claim 14, wherein the food, feed or agricultural product comprises a cheese.

17. (new) The processed food, feed or agricultural product of claim 15, wherein the cheese comprises a shredded cheese.

18. (new) A processed food, feed or agricultural product, wherein the food, feed or agricultural product comprises a coating comprising a polyene antifungal compound and a thickening agent.

19. (new) The processed food, feed or agricultural product of claim 18, wherein the food, feed or agricultural product comprises a cheese.

20. (new) The processed food, feed or agricultural product of claim 19, wherein the cheese comprises a shredded cheese.

21. (new) The processed food, feed or agricultural product of claim 18, wherein the thickening agent comprises a xanthan.

22. (new) The processed food, feed or agricultural product of claim 18, wherein the coating further comprises an anticaking agent.

23. (new) The processed food, feed or agricultural product of claim 22, wherein the anticaking agent comprises a cellulose, a microcrystalline cellulose, a starch or a modified starch.